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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/432,523
Title: "SURGICAL DEVICE WITH MALLEABLE SHAFT"
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

With regard to the above-referenced matter and as attorney of record, please fax a copy of the most recent Office Action to Terry O'Brien. Also be advised Terry O'Brien is an attorney at Foley & Lardner and will be working on this matter. Please fax the Office Action to 312.755.1925.

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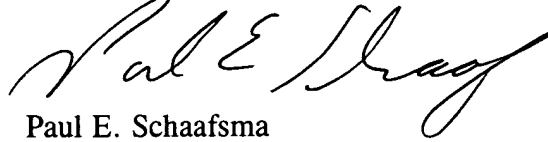
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If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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